

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
)
Amendment of § 73.202(b))
Table of Allotments)
FM Broadcast Stations)
Charlotte Amalie, VI; Cruz Bay, VI;)
Frederiksted, VI; Christiansted, VI;)
Aguada, PR; Gurabo, PR; Utuado, PR;)
San Juan, PR; Ponce, PR and Carolina, PR)

MM Docket No. 92-244

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARYREPLY COMMENTS

Radio Redentor, Inc., licensee of FM Station WERR, Utuado, Puerto Rico ("WERR"), by its counsel and pursuant to § 1.420 of the Commission's Rules, hereby submits its Reply Comments in response to the Commission's Public Notice, Report No. 1927, released on February 17, 1993, and states as follows:

I. Background

1. On January 4, 1993, WERR was one of four Joint Commenters that filed comments and a counterproposal in MM Docket Nos. 92-244, and 92-245. ^{1/} The Joint Commenters filed the identical counterproposal in a related docket, MM Docket No. 92-247 on January 7, 1993. The essence of the Joint Commenters counterproposal was to amend the FM Table of Allotments by changing WERR's community of license from Utuado, PR to Gurabo, PR, providing Gurabo with its first local transmission service, and upgrading FM Station WNNV, the only local transmission service licensed to Aguada, PR from a Class A to a Class B1 facility,

^{1/} The other Joint Commenters were El Mundo Broadcasting Corporation, licensee of FM Station WKAQ, San Juan, PR; Estereotempo, Inc., licensee of FM Station WIOC, Ponce, PR; and Aurio Matos, licensee of FM Station WNNV, Aguada, PR.

improving the service it provides to that community and its environs.

2. In addition to the Joint Commenters counterproposal, Paradise Broadcasting Corporation, permittee of FM Station WDCM, Cruz Bay, Virgin Islands, filed a counterproposal in MM Docket No. 244, proposing the substitution of Channel 267B for Channel 246B there.

3. Reply Comments to the Joint Commenters counterproposal were filed by Calypso Communications, permittee of FM Station WVNIX, Charlotte Amalie, VI ("WVNIX"); Jose J. Arzuaga, petitioner for Channel 298A at Frederiksted, VI ("Arzuaga"), Virgin Islands Stereo Communications Corp, licensee of FM Station WVIS, Christiansted, VI ("WVIS") and Carlos J. Colon-Ventura, licensee of FM Station WSAN, Vieques, PR ("WSAN") (collectively the "Reply Commenters"). The gist of the reply comments was that the change in community of license proposed by WERR would not result in most preferential arrangement of allotments. The within Reply Comments respond to those "Reply Comments" agreeably with the procedure specified in Report No. 1927, supra.

II. Discussion

4. In proposing to allow WERR to change its community of license, the Joint Commenters relied on the policy enunciated in the FCC's Amendment of Commission's Rules Concerning Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License, 4 FCC Rcd 4870, 66 RR 2d 877 (1989), recon., 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990) (the "Community of License Order" and the "Reconsideration Order").

respectively). The Commission there acknowledged that "provision of first local service is the highest of our allotment priorities which remains in any significant degree unsatisfied." Reconsideration Order, 5 FCC Rcd at 7096. WERR's proposed change in community of license from Utuado to Gurabo would help further this important allotment policy.

5. Utuado, where WERR is presently licensed, already has a full-time local aural service in addition to WERR.^{2/} Gurabo, the community that WERR seeks to amend its license to serve, has no local broadcast outlet. Gurabo was presented in the counterproposal as a community with a 1990 census population of 9,199 that is governed by an "Alcalde" or Town Governor, working with an elected assembly. According to the information in the counterproposal, Gurabo had its own zip code, public schools, police, fire department, local hospital, retail outlets and office buildings. Thus, the Joint Commenters concluded, Gurabo was a "community" for FCC allotment purposes. See, Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 F.C.C. 2d 88, 101 (1982).

6. The Reply Commenters do not dispute the fact that Gurabo is an independent community for allocation purposes. They offer only one argument; that Gurabo is part of the Caguas Urbanized Area, which in turn is part of the San Juan-Caguas Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area, and argue that for just such reason alone, the proposed change of community of license should not be

^{2/} WUPR(AM), 1530 kHz, 1 kw D, 250 w N.

granted. ^{3/} The Reply Commenters cite no direct legal support for their conclusion. The Reply Commenters argument cannot stand when analyzed against Commission precedent.

7. The Reply Commenters, in effect, ask the Commission to impose the Huntington Doctrine exception to the usual Section 307(b) presumption that every community needs at least one local transmission service, and find that the allocation to Gurabo would not further allotment priorities. ^{4/}In fact, the burden of proof is on the Reply Commenters to show that Gurabo is not entitled to a local transmission facility. The U.S. Court of Appeals has specifically cautioned that a party seeking to invoke the Huntington exception may not resort to a "metropolitan area" presumption in order to meet its burden of proof. New Radio Corp. v. FCC, 804 F.2d 756, 760-1 (D.C. Cir. 1987). In this case, the Reply Commenters have not met their burden.

8. The three factors that the Commission examines to determine whether to award a first local service preference are: (1) signal population coverage, which is the degree to which the station will not only serve the smaller community, but will also serve the larger community; (2) the size of the smaller community with respect to the Urbanized Area, and (3) the independence or

^{3/} The counterproposal, aside from allowing WNNV to upgrade and increase by 8% the population it would serve within its 1.0 mV/m contour, would also increase the population served in the predicted 1.0 mV/m contours of the other two Joint Commenters stations as well. Neither of these "other public interest" benefits of the counterproposal were disputed by the Reply Commenters.

^{4/} Huntington Broadcasting Co. v. FCC, 192 F.2d 33, 35 (D.C. Cir. 1951)

interdependence of the community in question with the urbanized area. Faye and Richard Tuck, 3 FCC Rcd 5373, 5378, 65 RR 2d 402 (1988). Although WERR concedes that there is a likelihood that the relocated station would also place a signal over Caguas, it also notes that Gurabo's "zona urbano" population of 9,199 people represents approximately 10% of the 92,429 people that make up the Caguas Urbanized Area. ^{5/}

9. In a Huntington analysis, however, the Commission has held that the relationship between the smaller community and the larger community is the most critical consideration. Id. In assessing the independence of the smaller community from the larger community, the Commission considers the following criteria:

(1) the extent to which community residents work in the larger metropolitan area, rather than the specified community; (2) whether the smaller community has its own newspaper or other media that covers the community's local needs and interests; (3) whether the community leaders and residents perceive the specified community as being an integral part of, or separate from, the larger metropolitan area; (4) whether the specified community has its own local government and elected officials; (5) whether the smaller community has its own telephone book provided by the local telephone company or zip code; (6) whether the community has its own commercial establishments, health facilities and transportation systems; (7) the extent to which the specified community and the central city are part of the same advertising market; and (8) the extent to which the specified community relies on the larger metropolitan area

^{5/} By contrast, in RKO General, Inc. (KFRC), 5 FCC Rcd 3222, 67 RR2d 1428 (1990), the Commission invoked the Huntington Doctrine in the case of a community, Richmond, California, that constituted only 2.34% of the San Francisco-Oakland Urbanized Area. See, Id. (Rev. Bd. Decision) 66 RR 2d 1236, 1242-3 (¶ 18) (Rev. Bd. 1989). More recently, in a change of community of license case, the Allocations Branch ruled that an allocation to Rollingwood, Texas, would not serve Commission allocation goals because its population of 1400 did not compare favorably with the 345,496 people that comprise the Austin Urbanized Area. Bay City, Brenham, et al., DA 93-131, released March 2, 1993.

for various municipal services such as police, fire protection, schools and libraries. Id.

An analysis of these factors leads to the conclusion that Gurabo is sufficiently independent from Caguas to deserve a local transmission facility.

10. With respect to factor (1), U.S. Census Bureau statistics are not available yet. As for factor (2), Gurabo does not have its own daily or weekly newspaper. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a letter, with attachments, from the Alcalde of the Municipio of Gurabo where which lists all of the independent services and facilities that Gurabo provides to its citizens. This is fairly strong circumstantial evidence of how the community leaders must feel for factor (3) and it also speaks to factors (4), (6) and (8).

11. The Alcalde's letter offers evidence that Gurabo has its own government, in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Reply Commenters have not disputed the Joint Commenters assertion that Gurabo is governed by an Alcalde who works with elected members of the Asamblea Municipal. Gurabo, according to the Alcalde, has the Office of the Mayor, Municipal Assembly, Civil Defense, Police (Guardia Municipal) and Public Works (Obras Publicas Municipal). Gurabo also has offices for these Commonwealth-run services: Aqueduct Authority (Autoridad de Acueductos y Alcantarillados); Fire Department (Cuerpo de Bomberos); State Elections Commission (Comision Estatal de Elecciones); Communications Corporation (Corporacion de Comunicaciones); State Civil Defense Agency (Agencia Estatal de Defensa Civil); Department of Education (Departamento de

Educacion); Agricultural Extension (Servicio de Extencion Agricola); National Guard (Guardia Nacional) Department of Finance -- Office of the Tax Collector (Departamento de Hacienda); State Police (Policia de Puerto Rico); and Public Health (Departamento de Salud Publica). In addition, its own school district consisting of 17 schools.

III. Conclusion

12. The fact that Gurabo represents approximately 10% of the population of the Urbanized Area that it is a part of, coupled with the factors demonstrating its independence from Caguas lead to the conclusion that the change of community that WERR request should be granted.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the counterproposal to change the community of license of WERR-FM from Utuado, PR to Gurabo, PR be adopted and the FM Table of Allotments amended accordingly.

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March 4, 1993

Respectfully submitted,



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TRANSLATION AND SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS

1. Immediately attached is a letter dated February 5, 1993 from the Hon. Victor Rivera Acevedo, Mayor of Gurabo, that reads as follows:

"By this letter, I hereby place on the record that the town of Gurabo is a municipality established in accordance with the requirements of the Law of Autonomous Municipalities of Puerto Rico, Law No. 81 of August 30, 1991, and has all proper legal capacity.

"Cordially,

"/s/

"Hon. Victor Rivera Acevedo"

2. Attached to Mr. Rivera Acevedo's letter are the following documents:

a. A "Guide of Municipal Services" (Guia de Servicios Municipales) that lists all municipal offices including the Office of the Mayor, Municipal Assembly, Civil Defense, Police (Guardia Municipal) and Public Works (Obras Publicas Municipal);

b. A "List of Schools in the Scholastic District of Gurabo" (Lista de Escuelas del Distrito Escolar de Gurabo) that lists all the elementary, secondary and vocational schools in the Gurabo District.

c. A "Guide to State Services" (Guia de Servicios Estatales) that lists all the offices of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with offices in Gurabo, including the Aqueduct Authority (Autoridad de Acueductos y Alcantarillados); Fire Department (Cuerpo de Bomberos); State Elections Commission (Comision Estataaal de Elecciones); Communications Corporation (Corporacion de Comunicaciones); State Civil Defense Agency (Agencia Estatal de Defensa Civil); Department of Education (Departamento de Educacion); Agricultural Extension (Servicio de Extencion Agricola); National Guard (Guardia Nacional) Department of Finance -- Office of the Tax Collector (Departamento de Hacienda); State Police (Policia de Puerto Rico); and Public Health (Departamento de Salud Publica);

d. A "Guide to Federal Services" (Guia de Servicios Federales), including a U.S. Post Office (00778) and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (Departamento del Tesoro -

- Rentas Internas).

e. A "List of Churches in Gurabo" (Listado de Iglesias de Gurabo).



MUNICIPIO DE GURABO

Ldo. Víctor Rivera Acevedo
Alcalde

5 de febrero de 1993

Por la presente hago constar que el pueblo de Gurabo,
es un municipio establecido a tono con las disposiciones
de la Ley de Municipios Autónomos de Puerto Rico, Ley
num. 81 del 30 de agosto de 1991, y ostenta capacidad
Jurídica propia.

Cordialmente

Hon. Víctor Rivera Acevedo

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Casa Alcaldía

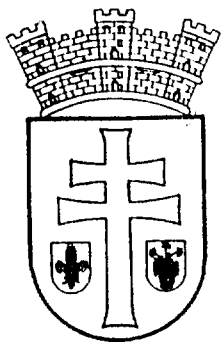
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Oficina del Alcalde
Teléfono: 737 2251
Finanzas
Teléfono: 737 5161
Centro de Envejecientes
Teléfono: 737 5436
Consortio Caguas Guayama
Teléfono: 737 7524
Corporación Municipal de Servicios Educativos, Inc.
Teléfono: 737 7610
Defensa Civil
Teléfono: 737 3459
Guardia Municipal
Teléfono: 737 5505
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Teléfono: 737 8375
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2 de febrero de 1993

LISTA DE ESCUELAS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE GURABO

ESC. MATIAS GONZALEZ GARCIA

CALLE ANDRES ARUZ RIVERA

TELEFONO 737-2056

ESC. SEGUNDA UNIDAD DE CELADA

CARRETERA 181 BO. CELADA

TELEFONO 737-2626

ESC. DE RINCON

CARRETERA NUM. 30 BO. RINCON

TELEFONO 737-6463

ESC. S.U. NAVARRO

BO. NAVARRO

TELEFONO 737-2323

ESC. HATO NUEVO

CARRETERA 944 BO. HATO NUEVO

TELEFONO 737-4347

ESC. DE JAGUAS

CARRETERA 941 BO. JAGUAS

TELEFONO 737-6066

ESC. CELADA CARRETERA

CARRETERA 181 BO. CELADA CARRETERA

TELEFONO 737-4346

ESC. SANTA RITA

CARRETERA 181 BO. SANTA RITA

TELEFONO 737-6222

ESC. DRA. CONCHITA CUEVAS

TELEFONO 737-2700

ACADEMIA MILITAR

TELEFONO 744-7900

ESC. LUIS MUÑOZ RIVERA

CALLE MATIAS GONZALEZ GARCIA

TELEFONO 737-2216

ESC. CAMPAMENTO

BDA. CAMPAMENTO

TELEFONO 737-8366

ESC. MARGARITA RIVERA DE JANER

CALLE SAN ANTONIO

TELEFONO 737-6594

CENTRO PRE-VOCACIONAL

CALLE SAN ANTONIO

TELEFONO 737-6093

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URB. VILLA MARINA

TELEFONO 737-4344

ESC. S.U. CELADA

BO. CELADA CARRETERA 943

TELEFONO 737-6196

COLEGIO BAUTISTA

CALLE ANDRES ARUZ RIVERA FINAL

TELEFONO 737-4949 ** 737-8365

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Autoridad de Acueductos y Alcantarillados

Planta de Tratamiento
Carretera 941 Km 0.6
Barrio Jaguas
Gurabo, PR 00778
Teléfono: 737 3001

Cuerpo de Bomberos

Calle San José
Número 50
Gurabo, PR 00778
Teléfono: 737 2121

Comisión Estatal de Elecciones

Calle Matías González García
Número 153
Gurabo, PR 00778
Teléfono: 737 2506

Corporación de Comunicaciones

Calle San José
Esquina Angel C. Morales
Gurabo, PR 00778
Teléfono: 737 3737

Agencia Estatal de Defensa Civil

Carretera 189 (salida hacia Caguas)
Gurabo, PR 00778
Teléfono: 737 5021

Departamento de Educación

Oficina del Superintendente
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Teléfono: 737 2151

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Servicio de Extensión Agrícola

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Guardia Nacional

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Colecturía de Rentas Internas
Centro Gubernamental
Primer Piso
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Teléfono: 737 2531

Tribunal de Justicia

Calle Angel C. Morales
Gurabo, PR 00778
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Centro Gubernamental
Gurabo, PR 00778
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Campamento O'Reilly
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Programa de Asistencia Médica

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Calle Andrés Arus Rivera

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Programa de Asistencia Nutricional

Teléfono: 737 6451

Rehabilitación Vocacional

Teléfono: 737 5396

Sub Estación Experimental

Carretera 189

(Salida hacia Caguas)

Gurabo, PR 00778

Teléfono: 737 3511

Transportación y Obras Públicas

Carretera 181

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Gurabo, PR 00778

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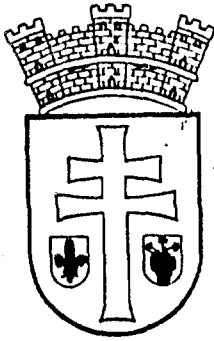
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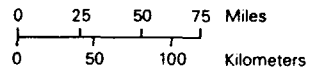
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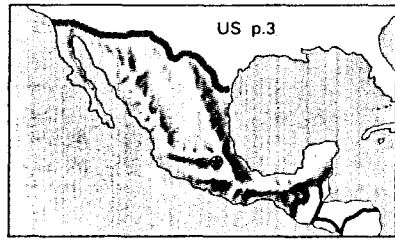
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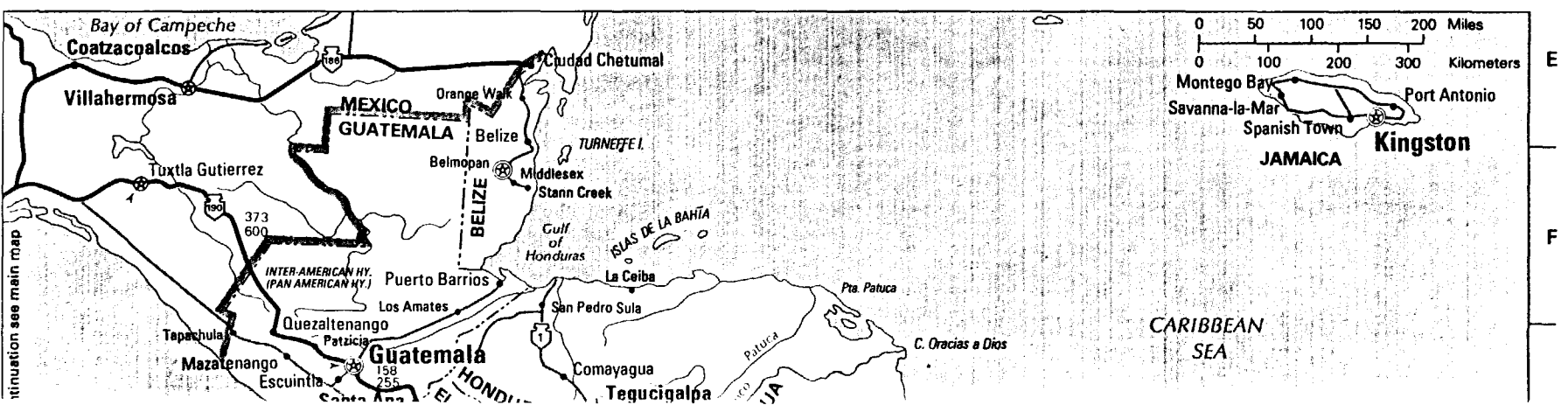
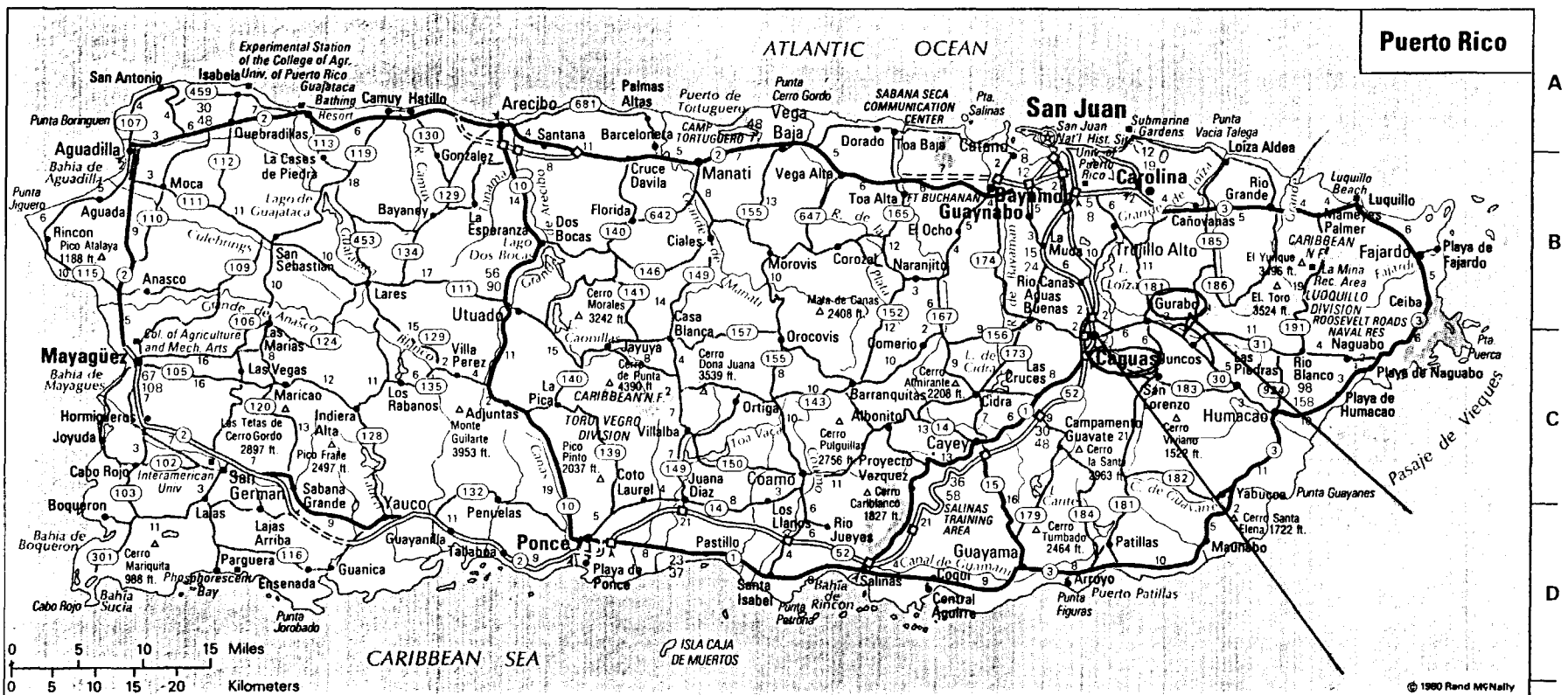
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